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TO: Paul Peronava

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FROM: Julie Borges

Subject:

Rainy Creek and Kootenai River Bank Restoration Drawings

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Parker,

The purpose of this correspondence is to respond to your November 8, 2002 fax to me (attached). On November 6, 2002 we sent you the latest Rainy Creek and Kootenai River Bank Restoration Drawings that incorporated comments received from you and your consultants during meetings conducted on September 5 and October 2, 2002 for the restoration of Rainy Creek. This was not meant to be a final Revegetation/Restoration Design. At the time of our September and October meetings, it was determined that due to time constraints, completion of the restoration of the Kootenai River Banks would not be feasible for this year. Therefore, we attempted to revise only the Rainy Creek portion of the restoration design in hope of completing this work prior to closing the site down for 2002. The remaining comments included in your fax to John McGuiggin from September 13, 2002 (attached), will be incorporated into the complete Final Rainy Creek and Kootenai River Bank Restoration Design that is currently being developed. Due to the fact that the Revegetation of Rainy Creek will not be completed this year, we will provide you with one comprehensive final Rainy Creek and Kootenai River Bank Restoration Design when it is complete.

Currently we are working on placing as much Agricultural Fill and Topsoil as possible before the ground freezes. We are also finalizing the 2002 Winterization Plan for the site and procuring a well driller to determine the availability of potable water on your property. Following completion of these activities and the site shut down for 2002, we will focus on finalizing the Rainy Creek and Kootenai River Bank Restoration/Revegetation Design for your review and signature. We will be sure to incorporate all of your comments from the September 13, 2002 fax as indicated to you during our previous meetings.

Should you have any questions, please call me at (617) 494-2434.

Sincerely,

Julie Borgesi

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Attachments: (2)

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